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Some of Don Platt's Brilliant Dinner Table Flash.

Donn Platt, a contemporary of Charlemagne whose writings were very popular down to the close of the twelfth century, lived with a modern journalist on Thanksgiving Day, or rather, with an ear to business his host was able to interpret some flashes of wit before they took their flight.

Darwin died, said thirteenth century, without a knowledge of the missing link. Keifer is that link. Darwin did not know J. Warren. Had Darwin known Keifer lived in Clark County, Ohio, he would have known until he found him, and departed this life in bliss with the long lost link in his arms.

The dignity of some of the lowest and highest dignitaries in Washington is distressing and oppressive. Some make an enemy every time they shake hands. Other cool the atmosphere for rods in advance like the approach of an iceberg. I buttoned up my coat once feeling a sudden teeth-rattling chill when John Sherman came around the corner. I told Jere Black that running against Ben Harrison had given me a cold in the head, and he said, "Well, there was room enough for it there, my boy."

When asked if there were any public men except Stanton, George H. Thomas and O. O. Howard that he had not abused, the patriarchal humorist replied that he was guilty of no such sins of omission, and would not admit any such neglect of duty as this question implied. He was not a man to let a dead man be buried in Ben Butler, that he had not abused at some time or other.

Before leaving Washington he felt miserably ill. Dr. Garrett sat upon him and told him he had Bright's elevator disease. The remedy proposed was an exclusive diet of skinned milk. Death at once lost its terrors and life found them. He went to the same train, so that they could take the same train, as there might be a chance for a game of poker, some on the railway. Had a claim upon him—Platt—forced from his throat about four headstuds of skinned milk. But curbed him and cured. Scherer and Bob now takes off his hat to every cow that he meets.

Brewster, Attorney-General, is a flamboyant. "But he is a fine lawyer, is he not?" was interested. Law is Brewster's weak point. Law is Brewster's weak point. He is an expert in Bourbon and wou-

Joquin Miller, I hear, is a poet. But I quit reading just before Joquin commenced writing. Have read nothing since I tried to read the Philadelphia Ledger and Ohio's. Dropping into serious contemporary history, Colonel Platt said that McDonald would be nominated for the Presidency. He wanted him and the East would want him because his record was imprudently sound on the currency. Could not Arthur carry out seven States?

Chestnut could not carry one State. He would be beaten in Ohio. Arthur carried for Garfield was as tender and strong as on the day that he died. Thousands of Republicans in that State have not seen the polls since Garfield was murdered. A candidate like Evans or Edmunds could not nearly be beaten. The man who has the merits" now hold the balance of power. Carlisle is a clean man and will make an honest swearer. The same influence on the Republican side, with Administration aid, gave Keifer his coveted complement vote. Keifer is not a sucker, orange, or the sucker. The Treasury is the orange. Democratic papers will make more votes by attacking the Treasury than by attacking Garfield. The sentiment for the man who was murdered for doing his duty is still a Niagara current that will bear down all before it.

The people have quit reading newspaper editorials. The Tribune cured them of that. I never allow a man to read a paper without a paper who knows anything. An article by such a man would stand out like a whale's back above the monotonous level of the sea.

He was once employed by Greeley and told to report to Hazard. He asked Hazard what he should do. This hazardous genius said he should put up on agricultural topics, pumpkins, squashes, etc. He said, "Commence on the employees of the Tribune office. Thereupon the reporters roared, but Hazard looked as solemn as a soldier's countenance."

George Alfred Townsend runs the Cincinnati Enquirer. Townsend has brains. He has found out that there is no market for truth, that fact and fiction are the same thing. He realizes well on his fancy wares and the coinage of his imagination.

There was never any intention to convict any body in the Star Route cases. The charge was conspiracy, when it ought to have been theft or bribery. George Bliss had a fellow feeling for Brady. From Bliss there was and is no appeal.

DOG CANYON.

How the Citizens Remodeled Their Judicial Institutions.

From the New York Life.

Dog Canyon, Arizona, recently undertook to remodel its judicial institutions. The cheerful corporate limits of Red Dog, long for ten years past, had been administered by a random posse of citizens, who, for more than three men a week in the interests of morality, as the posse was composed of heterogeneous and unrelated characters of Red Dog society, the results of their labors were not always agreeable to the public at large. Mr. James Mcintosh, for example, on the 14th of September, 1881, had the good fortune to steal a mule, and the misfortune to be caught at it. The posse turned out with a burning indignation, liberated the mule and the halter, inserted Mr. Mcintosh in its place, and tied the other end to a star. This proceeding, as Mr. Mcintosh had been on the wrong side of the ticket at the recent election, but one of the officials of Red Dog offered the slightest objection. A week later, however, Mr. Brady Mcintosh, an esteemed bar-keeper, scientifically managed to hold four acres against four kings held by Mr. One-Eyed Jim. Jim depended on no more legal renown, and expired four minutes after the hands were shown down. Mr. Jim expired, chest cool, as when examined before the posse, trust-

THE STORY OF A BELL.

To Boston on the Tea Ship it Still Rings from a German Town School-house.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Back from the main street of Germantown that echoes now with the rumble of the Fourth and Eight street cars, that school 109 years ago with the first dropping shots of Washington's sunrise sunrise, runs School lane. Back from School lane stands the gray old barnacle-like building, whence the thoroughfare takes its name. It is Germantown Academy. Long and rambling is the edifice; long and rambling is its history.

The first of the young idea that it taught how to shoot may have marched with Brad-dock; not by any means the last were some of those above whose memories the marble volunteer of '61 stands guard where the lane and Main street meet. For ninety-nine years its scholars have assembled and dispersed to the clank of one bell. But for a strange accident 110 years ago the clank would have been of ninety-nine. It lost eleven years of its usefulness as a guide of the youth of Germantown, and it has for the same one other reason a mournful tone. It is not one of the kind of bells that Father Prout chrouched, nor a Roland of Bruges shouting its name and clamoring "there is victory in the land." It rather suggests home-coming cattle, moos the monotonous, the Eastern mark of a "clankety-clank-clank." It was in the summer of 1773 that a London founder of bells, whose name has not lived in the hands of the handiwork, received an order from the then predecessors of the present twenty-one gentlemen, to found a bell for the school house for my bell. Its price is not known, but it was enough to buy 284 pounds of metal in London, and to have the bell cast in the same year. But the bell was in bad company. The rest of the cargo of the ship in which it came was lost.

Boston was opposed to tea. On the night of December 16, 1773, the peaceful bell for the Hill schoolhouse, later blood-bought in the flag clanked with a tremor of fear in the hold as the mock Indians came on board of the ship and two others were cast overboard. The bell was not permitted to land. Back it sailed to London, where it died stock on the hands of its maker, who cursed the dishonesty of the colonists, as was fashionable at the time. Then came Lexington, Bunker Hill, the Declaration, later blood-bought in the main street of Germantown, some of it out of the one thousand dead that Washington left when he retreated. The bell was in the hands of the boys whom the bell should have called to school. The peace now a century old came last, and in 1784, the bell crossed the Atlantic for the third and last time, and amid the wonder of the Knickerbocker uprising, it clanked in its place at last in the modest belfry of the Academy.

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Arrival and Departure of Trains at the
 Union Depot (St. Louis Times)

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| Chicago Express..... | 7:50 pm | 7:30 am |
| Day Express..... | 8:00 am | 7:40 am |
| CATRO SHORT LINE | | |
| New Orleans and Texas Express..... | 8:50 pm | 10:15 pm |
| Galva and Natchez Express..... | 7:00 am | 7:00 pm |
| Day Express and Fast Mail..... | 5:25 pm | 9:30 am |
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| Belleville Accommodation..... | 8:30 am | 8:00 am |
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THE FLOATING THEATER
What New York Managers Think
of the Scheme.

Almeida in the "Ma cotta" and the "Chimes
of Normandy"—The Theaters—Stage
Splinters.

By Telegraph to the Post-Dispatch.
New York, December 20.—The Floating Theater
company was the subject of much discussion
among managers and actors yesterday. The
majority of them smiled and quoted personal
experiences, while a small minority frowned and
talked of importunities. All insisted that the idea
was far from being original, and that if the
trustees of the company would look to precedents
they would see that "floating palaces" had always
been a thing on the market. The first floating com-
pany that left a record was that known as "Sol
Smith's Dramatic Company and Floating Theatrical
Palace." This organization floundered at
Hempstead, N. Y., and after a few months of
light and departed the following morning.

"It was successful inasmuch as it managed to
live actors three months a day," said Chas. Froh-
man. "We should have considered it a dead fail-
ure."

People in small towns question
a great deal of the success of the floating
theater, but even there, under
favorable conditions, there has been a failure here
and there. The first floating company was that
of Spaulding & Rogers, which commenced as a
variety show, and was known as "The Floating
Theater." It was a success in this direction, but
it was an absolute and speedy failure. Mr.
Spaulding, the business manager of the floating
theater, says that a theater's first step must be
to obtain a good location, good connection with
theaters, and a general accessibility. People
require a central position, which is easily
reached by the wealthy people of the town as by the
poor. The success of traveling companies
depends on the fact that they are always in the
towns along their route. Theaters are posted
in every small village, and a general distribu-
tion of the merits of the organization takes
place.

A floating company
must necessarily devote itself to certain towns
and river routes, and could never get a hold on
the interior of the country, which all agree is an
important point. In New York harbor, a
company of New York is equally as good as that
to be obtained in the metropolitan. This strikes
at the root of the company's theory, which is that
the towns such as Newark, New York, and Albany,
the towns which are the most accessible, are the
best. All the managers say that all cities
which have a water front of any size are good
places to allow such a boat as the Gladiator to anchor.
There is an opera house where is more than capable
of holding the theater-goers of the town. The
difficulty in such a town as Albany is in find-
ing a hall, but when getting a company
to hire a hall in Albany or New York, they
balk. They then launched out into a theater
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Harris, who is the manager of the floating
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any town and make a success of it. He has
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